

ESTABLISHED 1861

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 1913.

PRICE TWO CENTS

SLIT SKIRT WEARERS
ARRESTED BUT LET GO
WITH DUE APOLOGYExtreme Fashion Gets Pretty
Young Women from Fair-
mont in Police Station.

NO LAW AGAINST IT

Garments Not Indecent Either
Mayor Says in Discharg-
ing Them.

Upon complaint of Attorney Haze Morgan, who told Policeman Ode McCloud that the eight was shockingly indecent, two beautiful young women, who said they were from Fairmont, were arrested at noon Monday in West Pike street opposite the post-office building for wearing slit skirts.

The policeman asked the young women to step around to the police station and both sweetly complied with the request. At the station, Mayor Will H. Cole was summoned. He looked into the case carefully, not even batting an eye while he did so, and discharged the young women with an apology for their arrest. He declared that, so far as he could see, the skirts were not indecent, but that anyway there was no ordinance against the wearing of such gowns by women in Clarksburg and that they could wear them in the streets of the city if they were so inclined—at least, until he was instructed differently by city laws.

One of the young women was a blond. She was attired in a natty gray suit, which was slit half way to her knees and revealed gray stockings that matched the suit.

The other young woman was a brunette. She wore a black dress which was also slit perhaps half way to her knees, revealing black stockings worn in the usual way.

There was considerable "rubber-necking" among pedestrians when the young women jauntily walked along the streets. It was declared by some of the numerous observers that the slit skirts were not so bad so long as they were allowed to hang but that their pretty wearers held them up the most of the time.

RIFLE SHOOTERS

Of the West Virginia National
Guard Are on Way to
Camp Perry.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
MORGANTOWN, Aug. 11.—The members of the West Virginia national guard rifle team left here at 12:30 o'clock this morning for Camp Perry, O., where they will participate in the international rifle matches from August 5 to September 10. There were twenty-five riflemen and officers in the party. The party was headed by Adjutant General C. D. Elliott. Accompanying Mr. Elliott was Mrs. Elliott and daughter, Viola.

FINGER PRINTS

Are Resorted to for the Pur-
pose of Learning Who
Murdered Woman Is.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Many New York employment agencies take the finger prints of their applicants for work. Upon this practice rested today the hope of the central office to identify the city's latest murder mystery victim, a comely young woman, whose mutilated body still warm was found at midnight in a marsh near Spuyten Duyvil creek. Every identifying mark on her clothing had been effaced. Experts from police headquarters made imprints of her fingers at the morgue today. Armed with these, detectives are searching the finger print files of employment agencies on the theory that she may have been a domestic servant.

A stained jack knife and a shoemaker's last found near the body are believed to have been used by her assailant and furnish the only clue uncovered so far.

KILLED BY SLIDE.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
COLON, Panama, Aug. 11.—Thirteen men were killed today by an unexpected slide of the Porto Bello quarry, which completely buried a steam shovel in the neighborhood in which they were working.

DAUGHTER BORN.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin B. Jarvis of Chestnut street, are the proud parents of a six pound girl baby which arrived at the Jarvis home Monday morning. Mother and babe are getting along nicely.

CASTRO'S RELATIVE
IS UNDER CAPTUREAs Well As a Number of the
Captured Man's Officers
after Defeat.

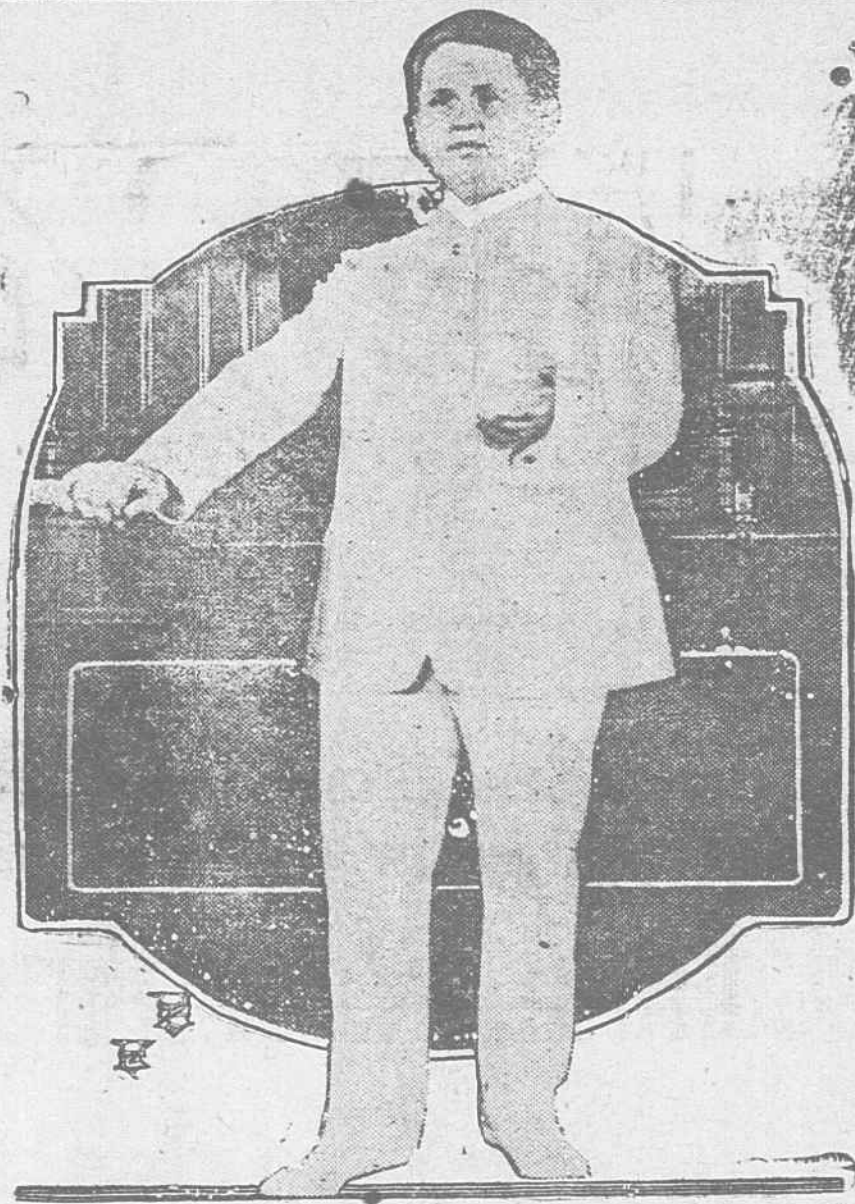
(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
CARACAS, Venezuela, Aug. 11.—General Torras Castro, a relative of former President Castro, was captured Friday by the government's troops, according to an official communication today.

A number of General Torras Castro's officers, who had fled to the mountains of Macuro after the defeat of Castro's adherents July 23 when they attacked the government forces in the city of Macuro, also were taken prisoners.

Fighting continues in the state of Tachira. The government troops, which were formed at the capital to fight the revolutionists, arrived at Maracay Friday under the command of President Gomez.

WOMAN IS JAILED.

Stella Guinn, a frequent police court visitor, is serving a sentence of ten days for assembling for an immoral purpose Saturday evening with Isaac Snibbles on the Haymond hill. The sentence was imposed, at Sunday morning's session of the police court by Mayor Will H. Cole. Snibbles was deported in default of paying a fine.

THIS MINISTER WEARS WHITE SUIT
OF CLOTHES RIGHT IN HIS PULPIT

Rev. A. J. Francis.

The Rev. A. J. Francis of the First Presbyterian church of Chicago has discarded the conventional pulpit black for cool white garb to deliver Sunday sermons. He holds that pleasing raiment makes his congregation feel better and thus makes better listeners.

MINER TRIES TO KILL
WIFE WITH HATCHETAnd When Officer Goes to
Arrest Him He Tries
to Kill Him.

Andrew Yurcak, a Columbia Mines foreigner, is in jail awaiting a hearing in a magistrate's court on a charge of attempting to kill his wife Sunday at their home with a hatchet.

With her dress saturated with blood and ugly cuts in her scalp and over an eye, Mrs. Yurcak appeared at the police station Sunday noon asking that her husband be taken into custody. Police Chief Brooks summoned a doctor to attend the woman and after her wounds

BAND OF THIEVES

Is Being Searched for by a
Large Force of Special
and State Officers.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
CHARLESTON, Aug. 11.—It became known today that a large force of special and state officers were put to work last night along the Chesapeake and Ohio and Norfolk and Western railroads in West Virginia to capture, if possible, a band of thieves who last week robbed cars of merchandise approximately worth \$100,000.

Charleston and Bluefield are believed to be the principal headquarters of the gang although their operations have covered many other towns.

HOME FROM CONVENTION.

George Erwin returned Saturday night from the Eagles' national convention in Baltimore and a pleasant visit to Atlantic City. He believes that the constituted authorities will pick Minneapolis as the place for holding the convention next year and that the convention will go to the coast the following year. Mr. Erwin was the local circle's representative at the convention.

Out in a Declaration That One
is Trying to Bring on
a War

IN MEXICAN AFFAIRS

President Lets Out a Few
More Secrets as to the
Mission of Lind.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 11.—President Wilson let it be known today that he was inclined to believe there was an organized desire proceeding from sources unknown to him to bring on a war between the United States and Mexico.

The president does not regard the movement as extensive but as very troublesome and referred to misrepresentation in some individual newspapers. He indicated that he shared somewhat the views of Senator Williams, who declared in a speech late Saturday that an organized lobby exists to involve the United States in war. There is no occasion for alarm in the opinion of the president, who told callers today that within the last forty-eight hours the Mexican situation had improved materially.

It was made clear by the president that those with whom he discussed the situation that the instructions to John Lind, his personal representative, were chiefly to inform the American government how things stood generally in Mexico and what and just what was the opportunity for the good offices of the United States in the interests of peace.

LIND INSTALLS SELF
UNOFFICIAL ADVISER

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
MEXICO CITY, Mex., Aug. 11.—Ex-Governor John Lind, the personal envoy of President Wilson in Mexico City, installed himself today in temporary offices of the United States embassy as unofficial adviser of the American Charge, Nelson O'Shaughnessy. Mr. Lind passed several hours in close conference with the charge discussing the difficulties of the Mexican nation for which he, it is alleged, brings a panacea.

Mr. Lind was an early riser this morning. The sun had not mounted high over Popocatepetl mountain before he was astir. He took a stroll through the park in front of his hotel and down San Francisco avenue before the shutters were removed from the store windows.

VALUES INCREASED

Public Service Corporations
Assessed at \$20,000,000
More Than Last Year.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
CHARLESTON, Aug. 11.—That the assessment of the public service corporations of West Virginia for taxation is being increased was shown today, when a partial statement of valuation was made public here. It is stated that the total increased valuation will amount to \$20,000,000 although only the oil and natural gas division was given out this morning.

Increases over the valuation of last year were as follows: Carnegie Natural Gas Company, \$1,500,000; Columbia Gas and Electric Company, \$500,000; Buckeye Pipe Line Company, \$1,000,000; United Fuel Gas Company, \$2,000; Ohio Fuel Oil Company, \$1,624,599; a total of \$9,124,599 in this division alone.

MINERS NEEDED

In the West Virginia Coal
Fields as Result of Mi-
gration during Strike.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
CHARLESTON, Aug. 11.—The migration of miners from the West Virginia coal fields during the recent strike has left the mine operators in the Paint creek, Cabin creek and New river fields in need of more than 3,000 men. Hundreds of miners left the old union fields north of the Kanawha river and went to Cabin creek. Many of the miners who left during the labor troubles are returning. The largest influx has been at Kayford, more than 600 miners being employed recently.

THREE KILLED.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
GRAFTON, Aug. 11.—A. E. Demoss, Giuseppe Tometta and J. C. McGinnis were killed this afternoon near here when a light engine ran into a gang of truck repairmen on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

ALVIN BASSELL IS
SERIOUSLY INJUREDWhen His Automobile Turns
over and Throws Him
against Wire Fence

Alvin D. Bassell, of Lost Creek, one of the most prominent horse and cattle men in West Virginia, is in a serious condition in a local hospital, suffering from injuries received at 7 o'clock Sunday evening on the Duck creek road three miles from West Milford, when his automobile went over an embankment. His right eye was torn out, his right jaw bone broken, and the right side of his face crushed in. It is believed that slight internal injuries were also inflicted. The attending physicians express the opinion that he will recover unless blood poison sets in.

Mr. Bassell and Edward Edmond, of Jane Lew, a prominent cattle dealer, had been to Elkins and they passed through this city in the afternoon enroute home. Mr. Bassell driving the car took the Duck creek road to take his companion to his home at Jane Lew. Three miles from West Milford he lost control of the machine and it turned completely over sideways down an embankment throwing the two men out. Mr. Bassell was thrown against a barbed wire fence and fence wire tore his eye out. Mr. Edmonds escaped injury. The car

landed upright and was not badly
damaged. It was used to convey him
to a hospital here later in the even-
ing.

At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon Mr. Bassell's condition was very critical.

SHERIFFS SHORT

In Their Accounts at Prince-
ton According to Audits
Just Made Public.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
PRINCETON, Aug. 11.—An audit by the state tax commissioner reported to the county clerk today alleges that former Sheriff L. B. Farley and Sheriff I. J. Ellison are indebted to the county in the sum of \$28,823 and to the state \$1,431.

It was stated that the indebtedness of Sheriff Ellison has been decreased since the audit was finished and before it was made a matter of record. The audit showed many discrepancies, some in favor of the officials and some in favor of the state.

TO LAY LEVIES.

County, municipal and board of education levies will be laid tomorrow and confirmed two weeks from that date.

THIS IS BILLY BURKE'S IDEA OF HAVING
ONE GRAND TIME ON SUMMER VACATION

Billie Burke and her dog.

In the picture is shown Billie Burke at Burleigh Crest farm at Hastings-on-the-Hudson, where she has been taking the fresh air and sunshine treatment and meantime playing the role of Maud Muller so she can wear dresses just like any other girl. She has turned her character role of Tommy in the Amazon over to her pet dog, who is seen in the picture busily engaged in making hay.

CORNER STONE LAID
IN IMPRESSIVE WAYBishop of the State Diocese
Preaches Sermon Full of
Inspiration.

An event of unusual interest in the city was the corner stone laying of the new Catholic high school known as St. Marys, when auspicious ceremonies appropriate to the occasion were observed Sunday afternoon beginning at 4 o'clock, with the bishop of the diocese, a number of clergymen, the Knights of St. John, the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and others participating.

The clergy assembled in the church and marched to the platform prepared at the school building for them, followed by members of the congregation while the orders marched from their respective lodge rooms.

The Rt. Rev. P. J. Donohue, of Wheeling, bishop of the diocese, deposited articles of various kinds and of historic interest in the receptacle of the stone and preached a short sermon teeming with inspiration and patriotism as well as loyalty to education.

At the conclusion of the bishop's sermon the audience returned to the church where the benediction was pronounced by a member of the clergy.

Admirable simplicity marked the occasion and the ceremonies were most impressive. The laying of the corner stone together with the timely thoughts of the bishop as expressed at the ceremonies aroused new interest in the commendable efforts of the church and its friends to establish and maintain a high school of such splendid character as St. Mary's promises to be.

Question of Payment of Cou-
pons Speculated in to Go
to Supreme Court.

COUPONS PURCHASED

For Almost Nothing of Fellow
Travelers Who Have No
Faith in Law.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
CHARLESTON, Aug. 11.—A negro newsboy was disappointed today when he appeared before the state commission appointed to redeem the coupons issued for excess fare paid to the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad while the two cent fare law was being tested in the courts. He had \$2,000 in coupons collected at small cost to himself and believed as did scores of others who crowded the commission's office that payment was to be made today.

Chairman M. F. Matheny, of the commission, announced that the coupons would be received, examined and a report made to the supreme court of appeals of West Virginia for payment was made. This, he thought, would require about one year.

Many instances of speculation in coupons came to light. One woman, who said she was a waitress in a railroad restaurant in the coal region, had \$2,000 in coupons and a traveling salesman had \$9,000 most of them bought for little money from fellow travelers who had less faith in the law.

The question of what should be done with the money paid to state employees for coupons was presented to the commission for decision. In some quarters it was held that as the money which bought the tickets was state money the rebate should go to the state treasury. It is estimated that coupons to the value of \$2,000,000 are outstanding.

KILLS CHINAMAN

Who Commits Criminal As-
sault on Daughter and
Gets Prison Sentence.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
SEUL, Korea, Aug. 11.—James Mason, the American manager of the gold mines at Un-San in northern Korea, was sentenced today to eighteen months penal servitude on a charge of manslaughter for killing a Chinese mine employee who in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Mason committed a criminal assault on their twelve-year-old daughter.

In his defense today, Mason pleaded the "unwritten law," but was condemned. An appeal against the sentence was entered at once.

INHERITANCE

Taxes and Forfeitures Are
Reported from Some Es-
tates in Ohio County.

CHARLESTON, Aug. 11.—Ohio county profited to several thousand dollars when Deputy State Tax Commissioner P. H. Anderson some days ago made his monthly report to the state tax commissioner. In the list were two forfeitures and five inheritance tax collections. The forfeitures were from the estate of Emma Fisher, \$2,815.25, of Ohio county, and from William H. Irwin, also of the same county, amounting to \$3,567.75.

The inheritance taxes were collected as follows: From the estate of A. P. Garden, \$404.02; from estate of Louis F. Stifel, \$284.84; from estate of J. B. Atkinson, \$127; from estate of William C. Schmeid, \$93.45; from estate of Emma Fisher, \$18.97.

An inheritance tax of \$254.07 was collected from the estate of Margaret A. Corbett, of Tyler county.

SKATSKI BURIAL

Funeral services over the body of Rosa Skatski, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nica Skatski, of Pinnick-innec-mines, who died at their home there Sunday evening, were held at the home Monday morning at 10 o'clock and the burial was in the Holy Cross cemetery.

STORK BRINGS A GIRL

A girl baby has just been brought to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Jackson on Chestnut street by the stork.